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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4157, AS REPORTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH OFFERED BY Ms. ESHOO

[Page and line numbers refer to SUBCOMEC002 of June 9, 2006]

Page 15, line 5, strike "August 31, 2009" and insert "the date that is 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section".

Page 15, line 17, strike "three years" and insert "one year".

Page 17, line 5, strike all that follows the first period.

Page 17, after line 5, insert the following:

1	"(4) Procurement of Health Information
2	TECHNOLOGY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
3	AND HUMAN SERVICES.—Not later than 1 year after
4	the endorsement of core interoperability guidelines
5	for significant use cases by the Federal Government,
6	no funds shall be utilized by the Department of
7	Health and Human Services for the purchase of any
8	new health information technology and health infor-
9	mation technology system for the electronic retrieval,

1	storage, or exchange of clinical and administrative
2	health information unless such system is consistent
3	with the core interoperability guidelines endorsed by
4	the Secretary under subsection (a)(3).
5	"(5) Rule of construction.—Nothing in
6	paragraph (4) shall be construed to restrict the pur-
7	chase of hardware of software components in order
8	to modify, correct a deficiency in, or extend the life
9	of existing hardware, software, or health information
10	technology systems.
11	"(6) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—By not later
12	than 18 months after the date of the enactment of
13	this section, the National Coordinator shall develop
14	and implement a system for the voluntary certifi-
15	cation of health information technology products and
16	systems to ensure that such products meet applica-
17	ble core interoperability guidelines endorsed by the
18	Secretary under subsection (a)(3).".